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Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled "Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly" was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-first session of the General Assembly pursuant to Assembly decision 70/526 of 14 December 2015.

2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 12th and 31st meetings, on 11 October and 4 November 2016. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.[1]

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 11 August 2015 from the representatives of Australia, Cambodia, Japan, Nepal, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/194).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/71/L.4

5. At the 12th meeting, on 11 October, the representative of the Republic of Korea, on behalf of Australia, Azerbaijan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lebanon,

[1] A/C.6/71/SR.12 and A/C.6/71/SR.31.

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Malaysia, Mongolia, Nepal, the Netherlands, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea and Sri Lanka, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the International Conference of Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/71/L.4), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Wishing* to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the International Conference of Asian Political Parties,

"1. *Decides* to invite the International Conference of Asian Political Parties to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution."

6. At the 31st meeting, on 4 November, the Chair of the Committee announced that the sponsors of the draft resolution had decided not to pursue the request for observer status for the International Conference on Asian Political Parties in the General Assembly at the current session, while reserving the right to present it at a future session.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee concluded its consideration of the item without taking action.